

IN THE CLAIMS:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

1. (Currently Amended) A method for delivering messages between a wireless terminal using wireless data transmission in a telecommunications system utilizing wireless data transmission and a second party ~~irrespective of the content type of the messages~~, the method comprising

delivering messages of at least two different content types through the same message service centre, the content types indicating the presentation of the message contents ~~irrespective of the content type of the message; and~~

~~employing the same protocol for the messages between the wireless terminal and the message service centre~~

determining at least one first condition to the message service centre;

checking from the message to be delivered to the terminal whether it meets the first condition;

delivering the message directly to the terminal, if it meets the first condition;

informing the terminal about the message, if it does not meet the first condition, and  
delivering the message as a response to a message request concerning the message.

2. (Currently Amended) A method as claimed in claim 1, wherein the message content indicates the presentation of the message contents which can include text, speech, images, video images or combinations thereof, ~~and~~

~~messages of at least two different content types are delivered through the message service centre.~~

3. (Cancelled)

4. (Currently Amended) A method as claimed in claim 3~~1~~, wherein the first condition determines at least one of the following: the content type or types of a message to be sent directly, and the maximum size of the message to be sent directly.

5. (Previously Presented) A method as claimed in claim 4, further comprising receiving a value associated with the first condition from the terminal user in the message service centre; and updating said value with a received value.

6. (Currently Amended) A method as claimed in claim 31, further comprising receiving a terminal property as a value associated with the first condition in the message service centre; and  
updating said value with a received value.

7. (Currently Amended) A method as claimed in claim 31, further comprising adding a recipient identifier to the message to provide information about the message to be sent to the terminal, the identifier enabling identification of the recipient of the message to be received; and  
delivering the message only if the message request includes the recipient identifier associated with the message.

8. (Previously Presented) A method as claimed in claim 1, further comprising delivering messages from the message service centre to the terminal using at least two different delivery routes;  
determining at least a second condition for the message service centre; and  
selecting the delivery route for the message on the basis of the second condition.

9. (Currently Amended) A method as claimed in claim 1, further comprising transferring the message between the terminal and the message service centre in packets of a particular size;  
checking before transferring the message whether it fits into one packet; and  
if so, transferring the message in one packet;  
if the message does not fit into one packet;  
- dividing the message into segments so that one segment fits into one packet;  
and  
- transferring the message in consecutive segments; ~~and~~  
[[ - ]] ~~composing the message of the received segments.~~

10. (Currently Amended) A wireless telecommunications system comprising at least one terminal ~~for wireless communications~~, the terminal being able to receive messages of at least a first content type and a second content type, the content type indicating the presentation of the message contents; and

a message service centre for transmitting messages of at least the first content type and the second content type between the at least one terminal ~~for wireless communications~~ and a second party, the message service centre delivering said messages to said terminal as messages according to a first protocol,

wherein the message service centre is arranged to check before delivering the message to the terminal, whether the message meets at least one predetermined first condition, and in response to the result of the check, to deliver the message directly to the terminal or to inform the terminal about the message and to deliver the message in response to a message request concerning the message; and

the terminal is arranged to receive said indication about the message, to inform the terminal user about the indication, and to send the message request concerning the message to the message service centre as a response to the instructions received from the user.

11. (Cancelled).

12. (Currently Amended) A system as claimed in claim ~~11~~10, wherein the first condition determines at least one of the following: the content type or types of a message to be sent directly, and the maximum size of the message to be sent directly.

13. (Previously Presented) A system as claimed in claim 12, wherein the terminal is arranged to inform the message service centre about message content codings that it supports; and

the message service centre is arranged to check the coding of the message to be delivered to the terminal, to compare it to the codings supported by the terminal, and if the terminal does not support the message coding, to change the message coding to a coding supported by the terminal.

14. (Previously Presented) A system as claimed in claim 10, wherein the system is arranged to transfer the messages in the system between the terminal and the message service centre in packets of a particular size; and

the message service centre is arranged to check before a message is delivered to the terminal, whether the message fits into one packet, and if the message does not fit into one packet, to divide the message into segments and to deliver the message to the terminal in consecutive segments.

15. (Previously Presented) A system as claimed in claim 14, wherein the message service centre is arranged to pack an unpacked message with a packaging method supported by the terminal before the message service centre checks whether the message fits into one packet.

16. (Currently Amended) A message service centre as claimed in claim 20, ~~connected to a wireless telecommunications system, the message service centre comprising interface means for receiving and forwarding messages of at least two different content types, the content types indicating the presentation of the message contents; and wherein the application means for delivering are arranged to deliver said messages addressed to a the terminal using wireless data transmission in the telecommunications system and for receiving to receive the messages received from the terminal using the same protocol.~~

17. (Cancelled).

18. (Currently Amended) A message service centre as claimed in claim ~~16~~20, wherein the application means are arranged to check before delivering the message to the terminal, whether the message fits into one packet, and if the message does not fit into one packet, to divide the message into segments and to deliver the message to the terminal in consecutive segments; and to receive the message from the terminal in consecutive segments and to deliver the segments to a second terminal of the system without composing a message thereof.

19. (Currently Amended) A message service centre as claimed in claim 20, ~~connected to a wireless telecommunications system, the message service centre comprising interface means for receiving messages of at least two different content types and for forwarding the messages to a terminal using wireless data transmission in the telecommunications system employing the same protocol for messages irrespective of a~~

~~content type of message, the content types indicating the presentation of the message contents; and~~

wherein the application means for selecting are arranged to select a delivery route for each message on the basis of a predetermined condition or predetermined conditions.

20. (Currently Amended) A message service centre ~~connected~~ connectable to a wireless telecommunications system, the message service centre comprising  
interface means for receiving messages of at least two different content types and for forwarding to a terminal in a telecommunications system, the content types indicating the presentation of the message contents; and  
application means for selecting the manner of delivery of said messages by checking whether the message meets at least one predetermined condition, and in response to the result of the check, to deliver the message directly to the terminal or to inform the terminal about the message and to deliver the message to the terminal as a response to a message request concerning the message.

21. (Currently Amended) A mobile station comprising  
a user interface through which the mobile station user can receive messages of at least a first content type and a second content type, the content type indicating the presentation of the message contents; and  
a controller for receiving messages of at least the first content type and the second content type using the same protocol,  
wherein the controller is capable of receiving an indication concerning a message waiting for delivery, transmitting the indication to the user through the user interface, sending a delivery request of said message in response to a user command received through the user interface and receiving said message as a response to the delivery request.

22. (Cancelled).

23. (Cancelled).

24. (New) A method as claimed in claim 1, further comprising employing the same protocol for the messages between the terminal and the message service centre.

25. (New) A method as claimed in claim 9, further comprising composing the message of the received segments.

26. (New) A mobile station as claimed in claim 24, wherein the controller is further capable of receiving the message in consecutive segments and composing the message of the received segments.

27. (New) A mobile station as claimed in claim 24, wherein the controller is further capable of sending messages of at least the first content type and the second content type, checking before sending the message whether it fits into one packet; and

if so, sending the message in one packet;

if the message does not fit into one packet;

- dividing the message into segments so that one segment fits into one packet;

- sending the message in consecutive segments.